

of Austin, Texas; to grant it a new charter, and to define and fix its boundaries."

On motion of Senator Yett, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its second reading by the following vote:

Yeas—20.

Atlee.	Lloyd.
Burns.	McGee.
Dibrell.	Miller.
Goss.	Morriss.
Grinnan.	Odell.
Hanger.	Potter.
James.	Ross.
Johnson.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Terrell.
Lewis.	Yett.

Nays—1.

Gough.

Absent.

Neal.	Turney.
Patterson.	Yantis.
Stone.	

Absent—Excused.

Davidson.	Sebastian.
Greer.	Wayland.
Linn.	

Bill read second time, and passed to a third reading.

APPOINTMENT.

The Chair announced the appointment of Committee Clerk Otto D. H. Pfeuffer to accompany and serve the special committee to visit and report on the State Reformatory.

On motion of Senator Johnson, the Senate adjourned to 10 a. m., tomorrow.

THIRTY-SECOND DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, Thursday, Feb. 23, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following members answering to their names:

Atlee.	Lewis.
Burns.	Linn.
Dibrell.	Lloyd.
Goss.	McGee.
Gough.	Miller.
Grinnan.	Morriss.
Hanger.	Odell.
James.	Patterson.
Johnson.	Ross.
Kerr.	Stafford.

Terrell.
Yantis.

Yett.

Absent.

Neal.
Potter.
Sebastian.

Stone.
Turney.

Absent—Excused.

Davidson.
Greer.

Wayland.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Denison.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Ross, the same was dispensed with.

EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Atlee, Senator Potter was excused for today and tomorrow on account of important business.

On motion of Senator James, Senator Yantis was excused for non-attendance on Friday and Saturday of last week, and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week on account of sickness in his family.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 23, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 115, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to create the office of State Purchasing Agent; to define his duties, and fixing his compensation therefor,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be referred to Committee on State Affairs.

DIBRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 22, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 189, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to give the Board of Regents of the University of Texas the absolute and exclusive management and control of the mineral lands of the University,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

GOSS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 22, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 175, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, of 'An Act to regulate and limit the expenditure of State, county and local public school funds, and regulate treasurers' reports thereof,' approved June 23, 1897,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

GOSS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 22, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 186, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3910, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1895, relating to the closing of schools on legal holidays,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

GOSS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 22, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 140, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to transfer Sabine county from the district school system to the community school system, and to authorize and empower the county to organize and conduct all of its public free schools under the community system, as provided by the laws now in force,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

GOSS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 22, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 145, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment, maintenance and govern-

ment of a State normal school to be located at Denton, Texas, and to be known as the North Texas Normal School,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

GOSS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 22, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 173, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3964, Chapter 16, of the laws passed at the Regular Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, providing that colored trustees shall be appointed to take the scholastic census of the colored race, and white trustees shall be appointed to take the scholastic census of the white race,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do not pass*.

GOSS, Chairman.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Stafford (by request):

Senate bill No. 193, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company of Texas to purchase, own and operate a railroad extending from a point in or near the town of Tyler in Smith county, to a point in or near the town of Lufkin, in Angelina county, with its franchises and appurtenances, known as the Tyler Southeastern Railway; and to authorize the Tyler Southeastern Company and the owners thereof, to sell the same; and to authorize a corresponding increase in the authorized aggregate of the bonds and stock of the St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company of Texas, and to regulate reports of such properties and the operations thereof."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Senator Lloyd:

Senate bill No. 194, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 657, and to add Article 657a, and to amend Article 663, and to add Article 663a, Article 663b and Article 663c, of Title XXI, Chapter 3, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, of 1895, in relation to private corporations."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Goss:

Senate bill No. 195, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to grant relief to certain teachers who taught during the school year of 1895-96, in Greer county, which was then considered a portion of Texas, but has since been made a part of the Territory of Oklahoma."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

Call concluded.

REGULAR ORDER.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading,

House bill No. 223, A bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of Austin, Texas; to grant it a new charter, and to define and fix its boundaries."

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—16.

Atlee.	Lewis.
Dibrell.	Lloyd.
Goss.	McGee.
Grinnan.	Miller.
Hanger.	Ross.
James.	Terrell.
Johnson.	Yantis.
Kerr.	Yett.

Nays—5.

Burns.	Odell.
Gough.	Stafford.
Linn.	

Absent.

Morriss.	Sebastian.
Neal.	Turney.
Patterson.	

Absent—Excused.

Davidson.	Potter.
Greer.	Wayland.

On motion of Senator Gough, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 154, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company of Texas, to acquire by purchase or lease the railroad of the Sherman, Shreveport & Southern Railway Company, extending from the city of McKinney, in Collin county, to the city of Jefferson, in Marion county, and any extension thereof from said city of Jefferson to the eastern line of Texas, in the direction of Shreveport, Louisiana, together with the property and franchises pertaining thereto, and to own, operate and maintain the same as part of its line, with the right to extend the same and to construct branches therefrom, by amendment of its charter under the General Laws of the State of Texas, and investing said companies and each of

them with the power to make and execute all necessary contracts, agreements and conveyances to effect such sale or lease; also to authorize the said The Sherman, Shreveport & Southern Railway Company before such sale or lease, or the said The Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company of Texas, after such sale or lease, when the said railway so to be purchased or leased, has been extended from the city of Jefferson to the eastern line of the State of Texas, in the direction of Shreveport, Louisiana, to connect with any railway extending to said city of Shreveport, and to acquire from the owner or owners of such line of railway in the State of Louisiana, by lease, trackage or running rights agreement, the use of such line to the said city of Shreveport; and further, to authorize the said The Sherman, Shreveport & Southern Railway Company, before such sale or lease, or the said The Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company of Texas, after such sale or lease, to acquire necessary terminal facilities in the said city of Shreveport."

The bill was read a second time.

Senator Gough then asked that the proof which accompanied the introduction of said bill, showing that notice of the intention to apply for the passage of said act had been duly published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State, to be exhibited in the Senate, which was accordingly done.

The bill was then ordered engrossed.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, providing for a convention to frame a Constitution for the State of Texas.

The resolution was read a second time, and pending action on engrossment,

Senator Goss moved to postpone further consideration till tomorrow after call.

Lost.

Senator Ross moved to postpone further consideration till Wednesday next, and that the resolution be made special order for that day.

Lost.

Senator Goss then moved to postpone further consideration till Tuesday next, after the morning call, and that the resolution be made special order for that day.

So ordered by the following vote:

Yeas—14.

Atlee.	Grinnan.
Burns.	Kerr.
Dibrell.	Lewis.
Goss.	Linn.
Gough.	Lloyd.

McGee. Terrell.
Ross. Yett.

Nays—8.

Hanger. Morriss.
James. Odell.
Johnson. Stafford.
Miller. Yantis.

Absent.

Neal. Sebastian.
Patterson. Turney.

Absent—Excused.

Davidson. Potter.
Greer. Wayland.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER.

Senator Yett entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 223 (Austin city charter bill) was passed.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Senate Joint Resolution No. 5, amending Article 6, Section 2, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, requiring all persons subject to a poll tax to produce their poll tax receipts at any election at which they offer to vote, and fixing the time of payment of said tax.

The resolution was read a second time, and

On motion of Senator Linn, was laid on the table subject to call.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 50, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4930, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas."

Bill read second time, and

On motion of Senator Hanger, was laid on the table subject to call.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 51, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Article 5031, Revised Statutes of Texas, and Articles 932 and 933, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, and to amend Article 4921, Revised Statutes of Texas, relating to the use of marks and brands of live stock."

Bill read second time, and

On motion of Senator Atlee, was laid on the table subject to call.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 52, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Article 3898, of Chapter 7, Revised Statutes, which transfers one per cent. of the permanent school fund to the available fund."

The bill was read second time, and pending action on engrossment,

Senator Terrell moved that the bill lie on the table subject to call.

Lost.

The bill was then ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Goss, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 93, A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the venue in suits upon written contracts where the amount in controversy is less than five hundred dollars."

Bill read second time with adverse majority and favorable minority committee reports.

Senator Miller moved to postpone further consideration of the bill till Tuesday next.

Lost.

Senator Goss moved to substitute the minority for the majority report.

Senator Burns moved to table the motion to substitute.

The Senate refused to table by the following vote:

Yeas—7.

Atlee. Lewis.
Burns. Miller.
Dibrell. Ross.
Hanger.

Nays—14.

Goss. Lloyd.
Gough. Morriss.
Grinnan. Odell.
James. Stafford.
Johnson. Terrell.
Kerr. Yantis.
Linn. Yett.

Present—Not voting.

McGee.

Absent.

Neal. Stone.
Patterson. Turney.
Sebastian.

Absent—Excused.

Davidson. Potter.
Greer. Wayland.

The motion to substitute then prevailed.

By Senator Hanger:

"Amend by striking out the word 'five,' in line 11, on page 1, and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'two.'"

Lost.

By Senator Stafford:

"Amend by adding at the conclusion of Section 1, page 1, line 14, the words, 'Provided, this section shall not apply to contracts for loaning money.'"

Lost.

By Senator Hanger:

"Amend by striking out the words 'principal obligor,' in line 12, on page 1."

Pending action on the amendment, Senator Miller moved to postpone fur-

ther consideration till Monday next after call.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—9.

Atlee.	Lewis.
Burns.	McGee.
Dibrell.	Miller.
Hanger.	Ross.
Kerr.	

Nays—13.

Goss.	Morriss.
Gough.	Odell.
Grinnan.	Stafford.
James.	Terrell.
Johnson.	Yantis.
Linn.	Yett.
Lloyd.	

Absent.

Neal.	Stone.
Patterson.	Turney.
Sebastian.	

Absent—Excused.

Davidson.	Potter.
Greer.	Wayland.

The amendment was then lost by the following vote:

Yeas—8.

Burns.	Kerr.
Dibrell.	Lewis.
Gough.	Miller.
Hanger.	Ross.

Nays—13.

Atlee.	Morriss.
Goss.	Odell.
Grinnan.	Stafford.
James.	Terrell.
Johnson.	Yantis.
Linn.	Yett.
Lloyd.	

Present—Not voting.

McGee.

Absent.

Neal.	Stone.
Patterson.	Turney.
Sebastian.	

Absent—Excused.

Davidson.	Potter.
Greer.	Wayland.

By Senator Miller:

"Amend by striking out the words 'five hundred,' line 11, page 1, and substituting 'one hundred.'"

Lost.

By Senator Atlee:

"Insert in line 10, page 1, after the word 'contracts,' the following, 'for sale of farm supplies, agricultural implements or machinery.'"

By Senator Morriss:

"Amend the amendment: add, 'stoves,

ranges, clocks and musical instruments.'"

Lost.

The amendment (Atlee's) was then

Lost.

By Senator Miller:

"Amend by striking out the words 'five hundred,' in line 11, page 1, and substituting 'two hundred and fifty.'"

Lost.

By Senator Hanger:

"Amend by striking out the word 'five,' in line 11, on page 1, and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'three.'"

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—10.

Atlee.	Kerr.
Burns.	Lewis.
Dibrell.	Linn.
Hanger.	Miller.
James.	Ross.

Nays—11.

Goss.	Odell.
Gough.	Stafford.
Grinnan.	Terrell.
Johnson.	Yantis.
Lloyd.	Yett.
Morriss.	

Present—Not voting.

McGee.

Absent.

Neal.	Stone.
Patterson.	Turney.
Sebastian.	

Absent—Excused.

Davidson.	Potter.
Greer.	Wayland.

By Senator Kerr:

"Amend Section 1, line 11, by striking out 'five hundred,' and insert 'four hundred.'"

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—7.

Burns.	Lewis.
Dibrell.	Linn.
Hanger.	Ross.
Kerr.	

Nays—14.

Atlee.	Miller.
Goss.	Morriss.
Gough.	Odell.
Grinnan.	Stafford.
James.	Terrell.
Johnson.	Yantis.
Lloyd.	Yett.

Absent.

Neal.	Stone.
Patterson.	Turney.
Sebastian.	

Absent—Excused.

Davidson.
Greer.Potter.
Wayland.

Senator Ross entered on the Journal a motion to reconsider the vote by which the amendment (above), offered by Senator Atlee, was defeated.

Senator Goss called up the motion to reconsider, and moved to lay same on the table.

Pending action on the motion to table, Senator Atlee moved to postpone consideration to tomorrow after call.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—10.

Atlee.	Kerr.
Burns.	Lewis.
Dibrell.	Miller.
Gough.	Ross.
Hanger.	Yett.

Nays—11.

Goss.	Morriss.
Grinnan.	Odell.
James.	Stafford.
Johnson.	Terrell.
Linn.	Yantis.
Lloyd.	

Present—Not voting.

McGee.

Absent.

Neal.	Stone.
Patterson.	Turney.
Sebastian.	

Absent—Excused.

Davidson.	Potter.
Greer.	Wayland.

Pending further action, Senator Kerr moved to adjourn to tomorrow, 10 a. m.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—9.

Atlee.	Lewis.
Burns.	McGee.
Dibrell.	Miller.
Hanger.	Ross.
Kerr.	

Nays—13.

Goss.	Morriss.
Gough.	Odell.
Grinnan.	Stafford.
James.	Terrell.
Johnson.	Yantis.
Linn.	Yett.
Lloyd.	

Absent—Excused.

Davidson.	Potter.
Greer.	Wayland.

The motion to table (Goss') then prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Dibrell.	Morriss.
Goss.	Odell.
Grinnan.	Stafford.
James.	Terrell.
Johnson.	Yantis.
Linn.	Yett.
Lloyd.	

Nays—8.

Atlee.	Kerr.
Burns.	Lewis.
Gough.	Miller.
Hanger.	Ross.

Present—Not voting.

McGee.

Absent.

Neal.	Stone.
Patterson.	Turney.
Sebastian.	

Absent—Excused.

Davidson.	Potter.
Greer.	Wayland.

By Senator Miller:

"Amend by striking out the words 'five hundred,' in line 11, page 1, and substituting 'one thousand.'"

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—8.

Dibrell.	Lewis.
Grinnan.	Miller.
Hanger.	Odell.
Kerr.	Yantis.

Nays—13.

Atlee.	Lloyd.
Burns.	Morriss.
Goss.	Ross.
Gough.	Stafford.
James.	Terrell.
Johnson.	Yett.
Linn.	

Present—Not voting.

McGee.

Absent.

Neal.	Stone.
Patterson.	Turney.
Sebastian.	

Absent—Excused.

Davidson.	Potter.
Greer.	Wayland.

Senator Goss moved the previous question on the bill which was *not duly* seconded.

By Senator Lewis:

"Amend Section 2, line 22, by adding the following, 'Provided, this act shall not apply to contracts executed for money loaned, for dry goods and grocer-

ies purchased or for effects and belongings for household or family use.'"

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—14.

Atlee.	Lloyd.
Burns.	Miller.
Dibrell.	Morriss.
Hanger.	Ross.
Johnson.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Yantis.
Lewis.	Yett.

Nays—7.

Goss.	Linn.
Gough.	Odell.
Grinnan.	Terrell.
James.	

Present—Not voting.

McGee.

Absent.

Neal.	Stone.
Patterson.	Turney.
Sebastian.	

Absent—Excused.

Davidson.	Potter.
Greer.	Wayland.

Senator Ross moved to adjourn to tomorrow, 9:45 a. m.

Lost.

By Senator Dibrell:

"Amend by adding to Section 2 of the bill, after the word 'made,' in line 22, the following, 'And provided it shall not be lawful in such contracts to provide for the payment of expenses, or for attorneys' fees for a greater sum than ten per cent. on the principal and interest due upon such contracts.'"

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—20.

Atlee.	Lewis.
Burns.	Linn.
Dibrell.	Lloyd.
Goss.	Miller.
Gough.	Morriss.
Grinnan.	Odell.
Hanger.	Ross.
James.	Stafford.
Johnson.	Yantis.
Kerr.	Yett.

Nays—1.

Terrell.

Present—Not voting.

McGee.

Absent.

Neal.	Stone.
Patterson.	Turney.
Sebastian.	

Absent—Excused.

Davidson.	Potter.
Greer.	Wayland.

By Senator Burns:

"Amend by striking out the enacting clause.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—8.

Atlee.	Kerr.
Burns.	Lewis.
Dibrell.	Miller.
Hanger.	Ross.

Nays—13.

Goss.	Morriss.
Gough.	Odell.
Grinnan.	Stafford.
James.	Terrell.
Johnson.	Yantis.
Linn.	Yett.
Lloyd.	

Present—Not voting.

McGee.

Absent.

Neal.	Stone.
Patterson.	Turney.
Sebastian.	

Absent—Excused.

Davidson.	Potter.
Greer.	Wayland.

The bill as amended was then ordered engrossed.

Senator Goss moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

SENATE BILL NO. 154.

(See caption above.)

On motion of Senator Gough, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—20.

Atlee.	Lewis.
Burns.	Linn.
Dibrell.	Miller.
Goss.	Morriss.
Gough.	Odell.
Grinnan.	Ross.
Hanger.	Stafford.
James.	Terrell.
Johnson.	Yantis.
Kerr.	Yett.

Nays—1.

McGee.

Absent.

Lloyd.	Sebastian.
Neal.	Stone.
Patterson.	Turney.

Absent—Excused.

Davidson.	Potter.
Greer.	Wayland.

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Atlee.	Linn.
Burns.	Lloyd.
Dibrell.	Miller.
Goss.	Morriss.
Gough.	Odell.
Grinnan.	Ross.
Hanger.	Stafford.
James.	Terrell.
Johnson.	Yantis.
Kerr.	Yett.
Lewis.	

Nays—1.

McGee.

Absent.

Patterson.	Stone.
Sebastian.	Turney.

Absent—Excused.

Davidson.	Potter.
Greer.	Wayland.

Senator Gough moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

"I vote 'no' on this bill for the following reason: The committee having charge of the bill reported the same back to the Senate yesterday; it was placed on the desks of the Senators in printed form this morning; I believe no Senator had time to read it before the rule was suspended and the bill engrossed. I did not. I asked for time to read the bill before it became engrossed.

"After the bill became engrossed I objected to a suspension of the constitutional rule so that I might have until tomorrow, and so that the bill might be carefully considered by me.

"Not feeling sure that it is entirely free from viciousness, I can not vote for the bill, feeling that if it is meritorious, my vote can't effect it, and if vicious, I have voted right.

"I think the constitutional rule should be suspended only in cases of imperative public necessity, and I can't see that there is such an emergency or imperative public necessity for the passage of this bill today, in preference to tomorrow, so as to cause the Senate to suspend and abrogate that rule.

"MCGEE."

BILL SIGNED.

The Chair gave notice of signing, and did sign, after its caption had been read,

Substitute House bill No. 54, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Article 492, Chapter 2, of Title XIII, of the Penal

Code of the State of Texas, and to amend Article 491 of Chapter 2, Title XIII, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Johnson, the Senate adjourned to 10 a. m., tomorrow.

THIRTY-THIRD DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, Friday, Feb. 24, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. President pro tem. Stafford in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following members answering to their names:

Atlee.	Lloyd.
Burns.	McGee.
Dibrell.	Miller.
Goss.	Morriss.
Gough.	Odell.
Grinnan.	Ross.
Hanger.	Stafford.
James.	Terrell.
Johnson.	Yantis.
Lewis.	Yett.
Linn.	

Absent.

Kerr.	Sebastian.
Neal.	Stone.
Patterson.	Turney.

Absent—Excused.

Davidson.	Potter.
Greer.	Wayland.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Denison.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

Senator James moved that the same be dispensed with.

Lost.

Pending further reading, on motion of Senator Yantis, the same was dispensed with.

EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Atlee, Senators Stone and Neal were excused for non-attendance upon Wednesday last and the remainder of this week on account of important committee duty.

On motion of Senator Odell, Senator Sebastian was excused for today on account of sickness.

On motion of Senator Grinnan, Senator Patterson was excused for non-attendance on yesterday and for today on account of sickness.

On motion of Senator Ross, Senator Turney was excused for non-attendance during this week on account of important business.